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SUBJECT: SADAT BACKS PHILIPPINE POSITION ON MUSLIMS (ACCORDING MANILA PRESS)

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1. DRAWING ON INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICES, CONTROLLED MANILA PRESS VARIOUSLY REPORTED PRESIDENT SADAT AS ASSURING VISITING MRS. MARCOS MARCH 11 THAT HE "AGREED WITH", "SUPPORTED" AND/OR "UNDERSTOOD" GOP POSITION ON MNLF TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS. AP DISPATCH CARRIED BY DAILY EXPRESS ADDED THAT SADAT SAID "NO NATIONAL LEADER IN THE WORLD WOULD ALLOW THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF HIS COUNTRY TO BE DIVIDED". SADAT REPORTEDLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS EXPLAINING GOP POSITION AND REPORTING ON RECENT JIDDAH TALKS. ACCORDING PRESS, MRS. MARCOS SAID TALKS (WITH MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT) WOULD RESUME IN JIDDAH IN APRIL, DESPITE GOP PREFERENCE FOR ANOTHER SITE, AND URGED THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NEXT MEETING OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONVENE IN MINDANAO

SO PARTICIPANTS COULD "SEE FOR THEMSELVES" THAT NO ATROCITIES BEING COMMITTED AGAINST MUSLIMS. SHE ASKED SADAT TO RELAY THE MESSAGE TO OTHER ARAB LEADERS. IN REPLY HE REPORTEDLY PLEDGED THAT ALL ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROBE POSSIBILITIES FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

2. COMMENT. MANILA PRESS INTERPRETATION OF THIS LATEST TRIUMPH FOR DISTAFF DIPLOMACY MAY NOT BE WHOLLY ACCURATE. AP QUOTATION SUGGESTS TO US THAT SADAT'S REMARK OPPOSING DISMEMBERMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY NON-COMMITTAL VIEW FACT MNLF REBELS ARE NO LONGER FORMALLY DEMANDING COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE. SULLIVAN

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